

## Message Text

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TAGS: CPRS, ACLM, GW  
SUBJECT: NEW FRG LEGISLATION FOR HEALTH COMPENSATION  
FOR NAZI VICTIMS  
  
REFS: (A) LAUDERDALE (EUR/CE) - PFUND TELCON FEB 22  
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1. EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER TODAY DISCUSSED TEXT OF DRAFT  
OF STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE CONVEYED BY TELCON  
WITH FRG FINANCE MINISTRY EXPERTS ON RESTITUTION AND  
INDEMNIFICATION AFFAIRS (KAPHAMMEL AND BROTESSER). ON  
BASIS OF THAT DISCUSSION, TEXT OF RELEASE IN PARAGRAPH 4  
WAS WORKED OUT, WHICH CONTAINED ONLY RELATIVELY MINOR  
CHANGES FROM DEPARTMENT DRAFT. LAST SENTENCE OF FINAL  
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PARAGRAPH OF TEXT IS PLACED INTO BRACKETS AS POSSIBLY  
UNNECESSARY, PURPOSE OF PRESS RELEASE BEING SELF-  
EVIDENT WITHOUT IT.

2. FIRST SENTENCE OF DESCRIPTION OF SECTION 2, PARA 1,  
OF AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, CONTAINED IN REFTEL B, DEALS  
WITH CASES IN WHICH PAST NEGATIVE DECISION ON CLAIM WAS

BASED ON PRIOR NON-INCLUSION OF INTERNMENT LOCATION(S) IN THE THEN APPLICABLE LIST. SUCH PERSONS MAY NOW FILE REAPPLICATION. HOWEVER, PERSONS WHO COULD HAVE FILED CLAIM PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF PAST STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS BUT FAILED TO DO SO, AND WHO NOW WOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL BASIS FOR FILING CLAIM, CONTINUE TO BE BARRED BY THEIR INITIAL FAILURE TO MAKE TIMELY APPLICATION.

3. EMBASSY POUCHING REFTELS TO ALL INFO ADDRESSEES.

4. TEXT OF AMENDED PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (WEST GERMANY) RECENTLY ENACTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE GERMAN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO HEALTH COMPENSATION UNDER THE WEST GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION LAW (BUNDES-ENTSCHAEDIGUNGSGESETZ - BEG). THE AMENDMENT APPLIES TO PERSONS WHO WERE INTERNED IN ONE OR MORE NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS OR THEIR PERIPHERAL CAMPS FOR A TOTAL OF AT LEAST ONE YEAR AND WHO SUFFER FROM A HEALTH DISABILITY OF AT LEAST 25 PERCENT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TREATMENT THEY RECEIVED IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS. THE BASIC CHANGE IS IN THE "LIST OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND THEIR PERIPHERAL CAMPS" (VERZEICHNIS DER KONZENTRATIONSLAGER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UND IHRER AUSSENKOMMANDOS) WHOSE INMATES HAVE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE HEALTH COMPENSATION AND/OR PENSION BENEFITS UNDER THE BEG.

670 CHANGES WERE MADE IN THAT LIST, AND THE NAMES OF APPROXIMATELY 125 SUCH CAMPS APPEAR ON THE LIST FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUAL CAMPS MAY BE CHECKED BY PHONE AT THE EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (ADD PHONE NUMBER), THE CONSULATES GENERAL OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, OR THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED RESTITUTION ORQANIZATION IN NEW YORK CITY (ADD PHONE NUMBER).

THE NEW REGULATION AFFECTS THE RIGHTS ONLY OF THOSE PERSONS WHO HAD FILED CLAIMS PRIOR TO THE PREVIOUS CUTOFF DATE OF DECEMBER 31, 1969 BUT WHOSE CLAIMS WERE REJECTED BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT SPENT A TOTAL OF AT LEAST ONE YEAR AT ONE OR MORE OF THE LISTED CAMPS. THIS APPLIES ALSO TO PERSONS WHO NEVER FILED A CLAIM FOR THE REASON THAT THEIR PLACE OF INTERNMENT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PREVIOUS LIST. THEY MAY NOW FILE A CLAIM IF THEIR PLACE OR PLACES OF INTERNMENT ARE NOW

LISTED. SUCH PERSONS MAY APPLY OR REAPPLY FOR HEALTH  
COMPENSATION BENEFITS DIRECTLY TO THE WEST GERMAN

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COMPENSATION AUTHORITIES MAKING USE, IF THEY WISH, OF  
LAWYERS OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE  
ABLE TO ASSIST THEM IN SUCH MATTERS.

ALL CLAIMS IN THEIR FINAL FORM MUST BE SUPPORTED  
BY MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION. ALL CLAIMS MUST BE FILED,  
AT LEAST IN A PRELIMINARY MANNER, IN TIME FOR THE  
APPLICATION TO REACH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IN THE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY BY THE NEW DEADLINE OF  
MARCH 24, 1978.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY THAT IT IS EXPECTED  
THAT RELATIVELY FEW PERSONS WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS  
AMENDMENT. BEGIN BRACKETS IN VIEW OF THE BRIEF TIME  
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REMAINING BEFORE THE MARCH 24 DEADLINE, THE DEPARTMENT  
IS ISSUING THIS PRESS RELEASE IN THE HOPE THAT IT  
WILL REACH AS MANY QUALIFYING PERSONS AS POSSIBLE. END  
BRACKETS.

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